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1. DUBLIN "IRISH TIMES" CARRIES ARTICLE PAGE 10 TITLED "THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE NORTH" ASCRIBED TO COLM KEANE DESCRIBED AS POST-GRADUATE STUDENT WASHINGTON D.C. TEXT LAST PARA ARTICLE FOLLOWS: QUOTE SOME NEW INTEREST IN NORTHERN IRELAND IS LIKELY TO BE GENERATED BY THE HEARINGS BEFORE THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON NORTHERN IRELAND TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE LAST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR. IN CONTRAST TO THE 1972 HEARINGS BEFORE THE SAME SUB-COMMITTEE IT IS HOPED THAT ALL SHADES OF OPINION WILL BE REPRESENTED AND THE "PROPAGANDA" ELEMENT CIRCUMVENTED. SEPTEMBER 1975 MAY BE THE FIRST TIME FOR THE U.S. CONGRESS TO FOCUS IT'S ATTENTION ON THE NORTH IN A DIRECT AND MEANINGFUL WAY SINCE 1968. UNQUOTE.

2. CONGEN WOULD APPRECIATE (A) ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT HAS ABOUT IDENTITY WITNESSES RESIDENT HERE WHO LIKELY BE INVITED TESTIFY AND (B) DECISION ON SEAMUS LOUGHRAN REQUEST FOR WAIVER INELIGIBILITY (REFTEL). FORMAL WAIVER REQUEST (FS-493) UNCLASSIFIED

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